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VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: MUR 5279 (Melvin Scheinerman et. al.)

Dear Ms. Abellera:

In certain of the Factual and Legal Analyses ("FLA"s) accompanying reason to believe notices the Commission has supplied in this matter, it has cited individual respondents this office represents with making contributions in the 1999-2000 election cycle in violation of the \$25,000 annual limit found at 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(3). We have reviewed the aggregate contribution amounts the Commission has supplied in these FLAs, and our records of the aggregate contribution amounts made by these individuals are not consistent with the amounts the Commission has supplied.

We need, of course, to ascertain the existence or scope of any apparent problem with the aggregate annual limit for each specific contributor. To that end, we would ask that the Commission provide documentation for the dollar amounts for the contributions cited for the applicable years for each of the following individual respondents that we represent whom the Commission cites with a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(3): Barbara Gellert, George Gellert, Dara Kushner, Jared Kushner, Rae Kushner, Linda Laulicht, Pamela Laulicht, and Melvin Scheinerman.

Once we have the documentation, we will contact the Commission and discuss the appropriate disposition of any violation that may be determined to have occurred.

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